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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of  
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For: DEVICE FOR READING AN IMAGE  
HAVING A COMMON SEMICONDUCTOR  
LAYER



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RESPONSE

Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated November 13, 1998, please amend the above-  
identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Column 1, paragraph beginning at line 15;

As this type of image reading apparatus as described above have been conventionally  
known three types of image reading devices such as a non-contact type, a close contact type  
and an entirely-close contact type. Recently, in association with requirement for a compact  
and lightweight type of facsimile machine, image reader, digital copying machine or the like,  
the image reading apparatus itself is required to be compact and lightweight. This  
requirement causes the close contact and entirely-close contact types to be mainly

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